



What's Eating Your Collection?

Wharfborer *Nacerdes melanura*

Adult beetle

Size: 10-15mm

Shape: long beetle shape

Colour: dark brown, sometimes with black legs

Antennae: long

Distinguishing features: large, elongate beetle, superficially like a longhorn beetle. The wingcases have faint longitudinal ridges and dark tips.

Adults eat: very little

Larvae eat: waterlogged wood.

Damage is: tunnels, large exit holes

Other info: Wharf borers are found in waterlogged wood, in canals and non-saline parts of rivers. The adults fly some distance from the source. They are frequently confused with Soldier beetles, *Rhagonycha*, which are reddish brown and commonly found mating on cow parsley.



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